

The Serpent-Crusher

On Sundays in 2022 we're on a journey through the Old Testament, **Searching For The King**. Last Sunday we focused on the creative work of the Word of God in **Genesis 1-2**. Our King was *there*, in the beginning! But **Genesis 3** introduces us to the "ancient serpent," our greatest enemy.

~ He challenged God's will.

"Did God actually say..." (3:1)

~ He twisted God's words.

"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" (3:1)

~ He lied about the consequences of disobeying God.

"You will not surely die." (3:4)

~ He encouraged Eve to doubt God's goodness.

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..." (3:5)

Eve believed the serpent's lies, Adam went right along with her and "sin came into the world" (Rom 5:12). Just like Adam and Eve (Gen 3:6), when I sin, I...

- Take what isn't **mine**
- Do what **I** want to do
- Do what is good in my **own** eyes

While there were serious consequences described to Eve (3:16) and to Adam (3:17-19), in his words to the serpent, God revealed a **massive** promise relevant to our search for the King.

"I will put **enmity** between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your **head**, and you shall bruise his heel."
(Gen 3:15)



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's open our Bibles to **John 8:44** and listen to how Jesus describes the devil. What does our King want us to understand?
- Let's think through those four points in **Genesis 3**. Why is it a very dangerous thing to:
 - Challenge God's will?
 - Twist God's words?
 - Lie about the consequences of disobeying God?
 - Encourage anyone to doubt God's goodness?
- How does **Galatians 4:4-5** relate to God's promise in **Genesis 3:15**?
- Let's listen to **John 1:14** and **8:31-32**. Satan is the deceiver; what about our King? How is he different?
- How did the serpent "bruise" the "heel" of Jesus?
- Finally, let's think through another promise in **Romans 16:19-20**. How does it relate to **Genesis 3**?